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TAGS: ENRG, HA
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT DUVALIER "SPUDS IN" HAITI'S FIRST OFFSHORE
OIL WELL

1. PRESIDENT DUVALIER BOARDED HIS HELICOPTER THIS MORNING FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE ACQUIRED IT THREE YEARS AGO AND FLEW 12 MILES TO START HAITI'S FIRST OFFSHORE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. AFTER A BRIEF CEREMONY ATTENDED BY THE CABINET AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HE PULLED A LEVER AND THE DRILL STEM STARTED TURNING. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET WERE OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF THE EQUIPMENT, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONTRACTORS, AND THE ELABORATE SHOW STAGED BY THE AMERICAN CONCESSIONAIRE.

2. THE REDDING AND BATES DRILL SHIP, THE J.W. BATES, IS UNDER CONTRACT TO CRUX INT. LTD., A CAYMAN ISLAND SUBSIDIARY OF SOUTHERN CROSS OF DENVER, COLORADO. IT IS ANCHORED IN 340 FEET OF WATER 13 MILES FROM DOWNTONW PORT AU PRINCE IN THE GULF OF GONAVE. THE PRIMARY TARGET OF THE FIRST WELL, CUL DE SAC I, IS A CORAL CAPPED FORMATION AT ABOUT 4,100 FEET. THE INITIAL DRILLING PLAN INCLUDES
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FOUR WELLS AND A BUDGET OF \$6 MILLION.
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